

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 8-39 are pending in the application, with claims 8, 20 and 28 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 8-39 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Certain paragraphs in the specification have been amended to correct clerical errors related to inconsistent use of the terms "register file" and "register file array." Support for the use of the term "register file 472" may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0216], [0220] and [0223]. Support for the use of the terms "register file array 554," "register file array 614," "register file array 684," and "register file array 732" may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0230], [0248], [0257], and [0261], respectively. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

FIGS. 5, 6A, 10, 11 and 12 have also been amended to correct clerical errors related to inconsistent use of the terms "register file" and "register file array." In particular: in FIG. 5, "REG ARRAY 472" has been amended to read "REG FILE 472"; in FIG. 6A, "REG ARRAY 518" has been amended to read "REG FILE ARRAY 518"; in FIG. 10, "REG ARRAY 614" has been amended to read "REG FILE ARRAY 614"; in FIG. 11, "REG ARRAY 684" has been amended to read "REG FILE ARRAY 684"; and in FIG. 12, "REG ARRAY 732" has been amended to read "REG FILE ARRAY 732."

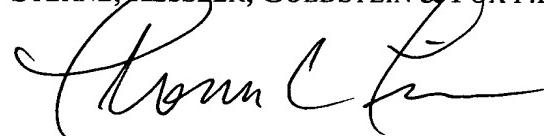
These changes are also supported, for example, by the specification paragraphs discussed above. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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